

underscored material = new
[bracketed material] = delete

1 more productive at work and are involved in relationships that
2 have less domestic violence and less substance abuse; and

3 WHEREAS, research shows that teaching fundamental
4 relationship skills, such as communication and conflict
5 resolution skills, increases the likelihood of the health,
6 happiness and longevity of a marriage; and

7 WHEREAS, the human services department, in fiscal year
8 2003, contracted with New Mexico state university to provide
9 programs to recipients of temporary assistance for needy
10 families to strengthen families through parenting classes in
11 Dona Ana, Valencia and Otero counties; and

12 WHEREAS, parents and parents-to-be receiving temporary
13 assistance for needy families funds across New Mexico could
14 benefit from similar parenting programs;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
16 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the human services department be
17 requested to expand its contract with New Mexico state
18 university to offer parenting classes statewide for temporary
19 assistance for needy families recipients; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
21 transmitted to the secretary of human services.